

A & E Biography of William Shakespeare: A Life of Drama

1. How does Shakespeare live on today? *"through the words of his plays"*
2. Who reigned in England during the beginning of Shakespeare's time? *Queen Elizabeth I (Elizabethan Era)*
3. When was Shakespeare born? *April 23, 1564*
4. In what town was Shakespeare born? *Stratford-upon-Avon*
5. What was Shakespeare's father's occupation? *Glover and leather maker*
6. Name one of Shakespeare's plays that takes after the Romans? *Julius Caesar, Antony & Cleopatra, Coriolanus*
7. Who was Shakespeare's wife? *Anne Hathaway*
8. How many children did Shakespeare have? *Susanna (b. 1583); Hamnet and Judith – twins (1585)*
9. What always called Shakespeare back from working on his sonnets? *The theatre demanded more scripts.*
10. What tragedy struck England, especially London? *Plague. Many people fled; theatres closed.*
11. After the plague, what fascination appears in his plays? *death*
12. What tragedy struck Shakespeare's home? What did this mean? *Son Hamnet died at age 11. No male heirs to inherit Shakespeare's fortune.*
13. What play is supposedly named after his son? *Hamlet*
14. What was the name of the theater in which Shakespeare worked and partly owned? *Globe Theatre*
15. Who played the women's roles? *Men*
16. True or False: All of Shakespeare's plays were his original ideas. *False. They were derived from history or existing fiction.*
17. What was Shakespeare's last play? *The Tempest*
18. What marked the end of Shakespeare's career? *In 1613, the Globe Theatre burned down. A new Globe Theatre was built but without Shakespeare. He retired with wealth.*
19. When did Shakespeare die? *April 23, 1616*
20. Shakespeare's *writing* is his legacy to the world.